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**For Immediate Release****Contact: Brian Stiger (916) 263-5359****State Board of Chiropractic Examiners Elects New Chairman**

SACRAMENTO – Dr. Fred Lerner, D.C. has been elected as the new Chairman of the California Board of Chiropractic Examiners.

Dr. Lerner was elected Thursday by a majority vote of the Board in its annual election.

After being elected, Dr. Lerner said he would make the Board's budget his first priority.

The Legislature reduced the Board's budget by 50%, which has caused the board to lay off staff and reduce enforcement activities. Dr. Lerner indicated he wants to work in a positive way with the Legislature to restore the Board's budget so that the Board can ensure that consumers are protected.

Dr. Lerner also said he wants to begin a consumer education program as soon as possible, beginning with tips for consumers on how to choose a chiropractor. He also said he wants to see continuing education requirements for chiropractors increased, and pass new regulations to impose monetary fines on chiropractors who violate the law.

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